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SUBJECT: 29 TH SESSION ECAFE: APRIL 11

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SUMMARY: OPENING DAY OF ECAFE SESSION FEATURED BY SPEECH BY  
PM TANAKA ( TEXT SENT SEPTTEL) AND ECAFE EXSEC U NYUN.

FORMER STRESSED DEVELOPMENT NEEDS FACING ECAFE VITAL REGIONAL  
ORGANIZATION WITH GOOD RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AS EVIDENCED  
BY NUMEROUS INSTITUTES, HIGH- LEVEL FORUMS, AND PROJECTS PRESENTLY  
UNDER CONSIDERATION. PRC, GIVEN WARM WELCOME BY U NYUN AND  
OTHER DELS, MADE BRIEF STATEMENT EXPRESSING COOPERATIVE SPIRIT.  
END SUMMARY.

1. PRIME MINISTER' S SPEECH. 29 TH SESSION ECAFE OPENED APRIL 11  
WITH APPROPRIATE CEREMONY BY PRIME MINISTER TANAKA WHO DELIVERED  
SHORT ADDRESS IN WHICH HE TOUCHED ON REGION' S DEVELOPMENT  
PROBLEMS  
AND INDOCHINA. NOTING THAT COUNTRIES OF REGION ARE NOW IN SECOND  
DEVELOPMENT DECADE, HE EMPHASIZED THAT IN ORDER TO SOLVE PROBLEMS  
OF DEVELOPMENT, SUSTAINED EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO MODERNIZE  
AGRICULTURE, USE WATER RESOURCES, PROMOTE LABOR INTENSIVE  
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AND PUBLIC WORKS, REFORM TAX SYSTEM AND IMPROVE EDUCATION AND TECH-  
NOLOGICAL LEVELS. HE THEN SAID HE HEARTEDLY WELCOMED PEACE NOW  
BEING REALIZED IN INDOCHINA PENINSULA. JAPAN WAS READY TO COOPERATE  
IN ENSURING PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS LIFE FOR THOSE PEOPLE, AND HE  
SUGGESTED THAT ECAFE SHOULD CONSIDER WHAT ROLE IT MIGHT PLAY IN  
THIS REGARD.

2. U NYUN' S ADDRESS. FOLLOWING PRIME MINISTER' S DEPARTURE, EXSEC  
U NYUN GAVE HIS FINAL AND FULL ADDRESS TO ECAFE ( TWENTY- TWO PAGES).  
THROUGHOUT PRESENTATION U NYUN PURSUED THEME THAT ECAFE WAS VITAL  
REGIONAL BODY WITH RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT IN ESTABLISHING MEKONG  
PROJECTS, ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, ASIAN HIGHWAY AND HOST OF LESSER  
INSTITUTES AND PROGRAMS. ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT ECAFE HAD PURSUED  
ITS OBJECTIVES IN AN ASIAN MANNER, SEEKING COOPERATION AND  
CONSENSUS  
RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION. SPECIFIC POINTS OF SIGNIFICANCE FOLLW.

3. INTER- REGIONAL TRADE. U NYUN MADE SPECIFIC POINT THAT ADVERSE  
TRADE BALANCES, FOREX SHORTAGES, DEBT- SERVICING OBLIGATIONS, AND  
DEVELOPMENT LAGS WOULD NOT END UNTIL " NON- REQUIRED" IMPORTS FROM  
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WERE REPLACED BY INTRA- REGIONAL TRADE. DCS  
SHOULD ENCOURAGE THIS DEVELOPMENT TO AVOID FUTURE SEVERE CRISES  
ARISING FROM SOCIAL AND OTHER CONFLICTS.

4. ECONOMIC SITUATION. TURNING TO SITUATION IN ECAFE REGION  
DURING 1971-72, U NYUN GENERALLY SAW WORSENING OF COUNTRIES'  
ECONOMIC SITUATION DUE TO ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS OF RECESSIONS IN  
THE  
DC' S AND POOR HARVESTS. GFV SCHEMES HAD NOT REALLY ASSISTED ECAFE  
COUNTRIES' EXPORTS, PARTICULARLY IN LABOR- INTENSIVE GOODS.  
DESPITE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF GREEN REVOLUTION, MASS MALNUTRITION  
WAS BECOMING WORSE. DEVALUATIONS OF US DOLLAR HAD COMPOUNDED  
PROBLEM WITH TOTAL LOSS IN RESERVES OF \$2 BILLION TO ECAFE COUNTRIES.

5. INDOCHINA. U NYUN POINTED TO RELIEF, RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOP-  
MENT NEEDS IN INDOCHINA, AND SUGGESTED THAT ECAFE COULD IN VARIETY  
OF WAYS BE HELPFUL IN ORGANIZING INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO THESE  
ENDS. ECAFE ITSELF OR MEKONG COORDINATING COMMITTEE, ASIAN  
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND OTHER REGIONAL BODIES COULD  
PROVIDE SERVICES. ADDITIONALLY, ECAFE WITH THE UN, THE SPECIALIZED  
AGENCIES, THE WORLD BANK GROUP, AND THE ADB MIGHT ALSO PROVIDE AN  
INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THESE EFFORTS.

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6. REVIEW OF ECAFE' S ACTIVITIES IN 1972. U NYUN URGED THAT COM-MISSION CONTINUE FINANCING ON LONG- TERM BASIS OF ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING, ASIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE AND ASIAN CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION. ASAIN CLEARING UNION NOW OPERATIVE AND HE URGED OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO JOIN. ALSO URGED THAT ASIAN RESERVE BANK BE ESTABLISHED. THEN POINTED TO NUMBER OF PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN WIDE VARIETY OF FIELDS, TIN RESEARCH CENTER, MINERAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CENTER, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT, AS FURTHER EVIDENCE ECAFE' S ACTIVITIES.

7. PEOPLE' S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. U NYUN EXTENDED WELCOME TO PRC IN SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD AND PARTNERSHIP. ALSO REFERRED FAVORABLY TO PRESENCE COOK ISLANDS AND COMMENDED REQUESTS FOR ASSOCIATION OF TTPI AND GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS. ( COMMENTS: SUBSEQUENTLY PRC IN RECORDING VOTE OF THANKS, MADE MODEST STATEMENT IN WHICH IT EXPRESSED DESIRE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH OTHER STATES IN MEETING COMMON NEEDS OF REGION. OTHER DELS ALSO MADE FAVORABLE REFERENCE TO PRC.)

8. U NYUN' S CONTRIBUTIONS. IN CLOSING, U NYUN SAID HE FELT HE HAD CONTRIBUTED MODESTLY TO THE GROWTH OF THE COMMISSION' S ACTIVITIES. FIRSTLY, HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO SET UP A NUMBER OF ESSENTIAL HIGH- POWERED BODIES ON MINISTERIAL LEVEL WHICH HAD LED TO THE ADB, ETC. AS WELL AS REVERSAL OF HIGH- LEVEL FORUMS SUCH AS CONFERENCES ON POPULATION, INDUSTRIALIZATION, AND SO ON. SECONDARILY, HE HAD EMPHASIZED NEED FOR COMMISSION TO MOVE BEYOND EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION INTO PROJECTS.

9. SESSION OFFICIALS. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SENJIN TSURUOKA, ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE WITH VICE CHAIRMEN BEING THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM AUSTRALIA, THAILAND, INDONESIA, IRAN, NEPAL AND PHILIPPINES. INGERSOLL

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